FYI: If you bring an inactive or a non-member to the picnic with you, forms will be available for him/her to re-join or join the Club. *A Picnic Special* is a 2020 membership, the rest of this year free, and the picnic for $12!

**JUNE PROGRAM**

**Annual Reunion Picnic – New Venue!**

June 12th @ 3:30 PM – The picnic will be at Eagan’s Central Park Pavilion, 1497 Central Parkway, Eagan MN as illustrated by this Google map clip.

We would like to reserve the Pavilion parking lot for those with limited mobility. For those of you that are able walkers, please park in the Unisys lot on the north side of the pavilion.

If you are willing to help with the 2:30 PM setup, and cooking, or the 7 PM clean-up, contact coordinator jwestergren@frontiernet.net. Registration form is at [http://vipclubmn.org/PicnicForm.html](http://vipclubmn.org/PicnicForm.html) and on page 7.

**MAY PROGRAMS**

**Two Exciting Annual Gatherings!**

May 3rd, Roseville Good Old Days: 12th annual event in Moundsview. Early registration is tracking close to last year, so we are expecting a good crowd at the event, please come and join the fun on May 3rd at the Moundsview Mermaid. Doors open at 10:30 AM for name-tag check-in. Cash bar is available in the Atlantis Ballroom and lunches are available from the menu upstairs. And, get in on the 2019 photos; see Dave Wilhelm’s 2018 snapshots at [https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPSgJlyZyYzYjDLHf293AkdVsb6g5VCz6_nTKm5DtS6NRjjuXty_vo18t17vq6f9h7A?key=c2czVzhsUkpCSl9TajFiMFR8dXkyTFNqZjdZMzBn](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPSgJlyZyYzYjDLHf293AkdVsb6g5VCz6_nTKm5DtS6NRjjuXty_vo18t17vq6f9h7A?key=c2czVzhsUkpCSl9TajFiMFR8dXkyTFNqZjdZMzBn). Event history w/links to Dave’s prior year photos are @ [http://vipclubmn.org/Social.html#RGOD](http://vipclubmn.org/Social.html#RGOD).

Please, before April 28th, contact coordinator Paul Dickson (651-482-9934) [paul.dickson@comcast.net](mailto:paul.dickson@comcast.net) for the pre-printed nametag list and/or to volunteer at the check-in table for ½ hour or so. By Paul Dickson

May 17th, Syttende Mai celebration: at Casper’s in Eagan – Doors open at 11 AM, cash bar available for those who want to mingle before lunch and the program. We do need a head count for food quantity preparation. So, please register with Dale Torgerson, dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com before May 11th.  **TUSEN TAKK!**

This year we have invited two excellent speakers, both very interesting and important in their communities. One is Hennepin County Sheriff (ret.), Rich Stanek, who succeeded 100% Norwegian Sheriff Don Omodt. Sheriff Stanek is Norwegian both by marriage and by civic connections.

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The subject of Rich’s talk will be “the history of the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office and what exactly is a Sheriff; including duties mandated under state law and the difference between an elected Sheriff; and local, state, and federal policing authorities.”

The other invited speaker is the Norwegian Ambassador to the U. S., Kåre R. Aas whose career began in 1983 with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was accredited as Norway’s Ambassador to the United States on September 17, 2013. Ambassador Aas will be in Minnesota to help celebrate Syttende Mai.  By R. Lundgren

OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES


Submitted by Keith Behnke.

June 4th – July/August newsletter articles, obits, and jokes due; email to newsletter@vipclubmn.org or mail to the US mail address at the bottom of pages 2 → 7.

June 5th – 10 AM Board Meeting in the visitor’s conference room at Unisys, Eagan. Members are welcome to sit in – inform the President the week before if you’d like to bring an issue to us.

June 12th – 9 AM Roseville retirees’ 312th meeting at the New Brighton Eagles Club. Send a note to Marv Brown at mbrib@comcast.net or call him 763-416-3903 before June 7th if you plan to attend.

July – choose from the page 8 Periodic Social Groups.

August 7th – 10 AM Board Meeting in the visitor’s conference room at Unisys, Eagan.

August or fall club activity? – Please send your idea(s) to any board member before June 1st.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A few days ago, I was reading a newspaper article about an "elderly" person, who turned out to be 65. Being well past 65 myself, "elderly" had a connotation that I absolutely did not like, although Google seems to confirm that 65 is the accepted age when people become "elderly". AARP, which occasionally raises the issue of ageism, says that "elderly" is inappropriate for anyone under 95, so I think I'm definitely going to use that idea and hope that Google and the rest of the world wise up – our club has forty age 90+ members!

No matter how we identify ourselves, VIP Club members should give themselves a collective pat on the back. 73 people provided inputs to our annual volunteer survey, tallying over 20,000 hours of volunteer service. I know that many of you don't think it's important to be recognized for volunteering, or don't think it's appropriate, or are just plain modest, but your informal comments indicate there is a lot more activity than we compile with our annual surveys.

Nationally, about one-fourth of retired people volunteer, with the numbers a bit better in Minnesota - our state has the second highest percentage of volunteers in the US, and Minneapolis-St. Paul is the number 1 US volunteering city. If our survey data is representative of the VIP Club as a whole, these demographics would indicate that we capture only about 20% of the actual volunteering done by club members each year. So, whether you turned in a survey or chose to fly under the radar, kudos to you all for all the effort you put in throughout the year. Looking at the variety of causes people support with their volunteer efforts, it's pretty obvious that most of them could not carry on their very worthwhile work at the level they do without you. Keep it up! The world needs you – and appreciates you.

Make note of some upcoming events mentioned in the newsletter - Good Old Days and Syttende Mai in May and our June picnic, this year at a new place. Come and join us and renew old acquaintances or maybe make some new ones. Happy summer to each of you!

Harvey Taipale, VIP Club President.

SPECIAL REPORTS & ARTICLES

Volunteerism Luncheon Re-cap: The VIP Club hosted its annual recognition luncheon on April 10th at Joseph’s in St. Paul. 30 of the 73 responders joined us for the program emceed by Club President Harvey Taipale. Greg Oxley, Vice President of the Dakota County Historical Society, was invited to brief us about the on-going Legacy ID initiative at the Lawshe Memorial Museum. Audience members were then asked to speak about their volunteerism. Keith Myhre supplemented Greg’s info about the on-going photo ID work at the Lawshe Memorial Museum and mentioned the TPT interviews for a pending MN computer history documentary. Half the 22 people interviewed by TPT were from UNIVAC//Sperry/UNISYS/LMCO. Nancy (Menning) Gountanis spoke about doing school STEM education. Keith Behnke talked about volunteering for the UNISYS/LMCO Golf League, his townhome association, and an upcoming 2020 65th class reunion.

The Club awarded the sixth Volunteer Extraordinaire certificate posthumously to Patricia Myhre recognizing her five+ years of photo ID work at the Lawshe Memorial Museum and at Club events. Harvey presented the certificate to her husband Keith.

Bless you Tricia!
Many, many survey responders volunteer at their individual churches. In addition, the following organizations were recipients of our volunteerism: 3M Seniors tournament, American Legion Posts, American Red Cross, AARP driver safety classes and AARP Tax Aides, Apple Valley Knights of Columbus, Association of American University Women, Boy Scouts of America, Burnsville Senior Center, Cancer Data Dept at Fairview Southdale Hospital, City of Burnsville, Como Zoo & Conservatory, Dakota County Cochran House drug rehab center, Dakota County Historical Society, Dorothy Day shelter - St Paul, Eagan Men's Chorus, Eagan Rotary Ethics Workshop, Excelsior Men’s Garden Club, Faith In Action Cass County (FIACC), Fix-it-Clinic, Food Shelves (several), Habitat For Humanity, Homeowners & Condo Associations (several), Meals on Wheels (several), MN Historical Society, MN Wildlife Refuge, Mobility Worldwide, Mountain Vista Medical Center Mesa AZ, MSP Traveler Assistance, Norwegian-American Genealogical Society, Pheasants Forever, Resurrection Computer Ministry, Roseville Historical Society, Salvation Army, Science Museum of Minnesota, Uptown Art Fair, and the VIP Club (several).

The most individual hours were reported by James See of Telford, PA – 1445 hours to Keystone Opportunity Center, North Penn Goodwill Service, Zwingli UCC, Miller-Keystone Blood Centers, and the Trinity Cemetery. AND, the most unique was 89 hours making helmet liners for military Christmas boxes submitted by Nancy Huber of Fremont County CO. So, Club members reported a total of 20,179 hours in 2018; at $25 per hour this would be $504,475.00 of members time! An event photo collage is on page 7.

**YES, seniors do good well and quite often!**

**Volunteerism Recognition History:** When Unisys Roseville closed their cafeteria in 2007, the Club began hosting volunteerism recognition breakfasts at the New Brighton Legion Club. When the Legion lost its food license, the club moved to the New Brighton Eagles club, then to the Roseville VFW. In 2014 the Club changed from a breakfast buffet to a luncheon at Joseph’s. This table shows recognition event statistics as extracted from our prior newsletters:

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**Blessings to All:** A response to the survey reminder.

“We live in Colorado and cannot make the luncheon. Since the death of my wife, in 2014, I have remarried to another wonderful woman (we met in Jerusalem but that's another story.)

For the past several years I have spent countless hours volunteering at my church, Foundations Church, here in Loveland. I am an elder, served 3 years on the Elder Leadership Team, ran the Prayer Ministry for many years, taught Bible studies, performed baptisms and assisted in many others, visited the sick and dying (and led several to Christ prior to their deaths), and taught many classes. I couldn't even guess at the number of hours nor would I want to. All this activity has been a pure joy to me and no reward, this side of heaven, is either desired or needed. Blessings to all you folks who volunteer in many different capacities. Always, Bob Manship”

**Member Emeritus Joe Schwarz!** We herewith recognize Joe Schwarz’s almost 20-yrs of service to the Club with a Member Emeritus designation. Joe took over the Chief Editor responsibility from John DuFour as Lockheed Martin became a Club co-sponsor with Unisys in 2000. Joe also started the Club’s 1st website in 2002 and has been covering tables at our annual picnics since 2005. Plus, he helped Bernie produce the Volunteerism recognition program publications for a dozen years.

The Member Emeritus designation gives him a free life time club membership and an Ex-Officio seat on the Club’s board for as long as he is willing to serve.

“The Board & Club thank you, Joe and Nancy!”
FYI, Lockheed Retiree Pensions Changing: In January of 2019, Lockheed Martin Corporation transferred approximately $1.8 billion of its pension obligations by purchasing a group annuity contract from The Prudential Insurance Company of America, a subsidiary of Prudential Financial. Approximately 32,000 of Lockheed Martin’s retirees will receive their monthly pension benefit payments from Prudential as part of this buy-out agreement. Prudential, who has promised a "seamless" transition, is contacting affected Lockheed retirees. Watch the mail for your information and account update package. Group annuity contracts for retirees are becoming popular at large corporations, with many opting for this method of meeting pension obligations in the last two years. Submitted by Harvey Taipale

IN REMEMBRANCE OF

The obits hereunder are redacted from funeral home postings or Pioneer Press or Star Tribune listings.

Closmore, Harold George – Age 99 Passed away peacefully on April 1, 2019 surrounded by family. He proudly served his country in WWII, flying many missions in an artillery spotter plane - discharged as a US Army Captain. He worked as a Traffic Manager at Sperry Univac until his retirement.

Crane, John Robert – Age 76, of Fridley, MN passed away at home Mar. 27, 2019 from COPD and cancer. John is survived by wife, Gerri; two daughters; and grandchildren. His family was his priority and he loved to spend time at the cabin, skiing and playing card games with his friends. He served in the US Army, graduated from the U of MN and spent his entire 35-year career at Unisys – mostly in testability engineering.

Fedor, Paul – Age 55 died at his home on March 21st. He worked over 35 years with Unisys. Paul is survived by his sons, his father George Fedor, mother Kathleen Schneider, forever friend Karla Fedor, and a myriad of extended family. Paul’s father is a VIP Club member who had an extended UNIVAC/Sperry career in Field Service.

Fox, Leo F. – Age 85 of Apple Valley. Passed away on April 2, 2019. Survived by his wife of 61 years, Charlene; daughters Laura, Carolyn, and son Tom (Peggie); 6 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Geiske, John R. – Age 90 of Bloomington, MN passed away of pancreatic cancer on March 24, 2019. Survived by wife of 62 years, Donna; one daughter; two granddaughters; and many friends and relatives. He was a mechanical designer in defense systems, retiring from UNISYS in the late 80s. John and Donna Mae have been Club members.

Haug, Bruce – Age 82, passed away on February 23, 2019. Survived by loving wife of more than 50 years, Dyanne (nee Schmidt); two children; three grandchildren; many relatives and friends. He was a 1959 Graduate of IBM's Air Defense Training. Upon graduation he was assigned to an air defense installation in Washington state, working on the US Air Force SAGE computer system. In 1963 he continued his computer career working full time for IBM, then EMR, and later Sperry Univac. Bruce retired from Unisys, Roseville In January 2000.

Jeunesse, Wayne J. – Age 91 of Shoreview passed away on March 30th. He served in the US Navy, then was a retired Sperry/Univac employee, and parishioner of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Brighton. Survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Lorraine; children, grandchildren many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Wayne was a VIP Club member through 2014.

Moren, Thomas Frank – Age 78, of White Bear Lake passed away on September 4, 2018 after a courageous battle with a Grade IV Glioblastoma brain tumor. He is survived by wife Becky, three sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. Tom was a talented artist: including painting, stained glass and woodwork. He learned electrician skills at Dunwoody but was self-taught in plumbing and carpentry. His professional career was as a computer programmer at Unisys, Roseville.

Saxton, Dale – Age 82, of Shoreview passed away 2/16/2019. Survived by his wife of 56 years, Joanne; three sons; and other relatives and friends. Dale enjoyed old cars, served as an usher and deacon at Roseville Assembly of God, and played golf and bridge. He retired from Unisys, Roseville.
Schroeder, James D. ‘Jim’ – Age 72 of Anoka, passed away 3/13/19. Survived by beloved wife of 50 years, Annette; three children, numerous grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Jim worked for Ray Moberg on the 9500 plated wire memory. He later worked for Bill Schweiger on plated wire sense amps in Roseville.

Wakefield, W. Wayne – Age 84 of St. Paul passed away on March 5th. He is survived by wife Shirley; three children, eight grandchildren, brothers and sisters and many nieces and nephews. After retiring from Unisys, Roseville, Wayne became an avid genealogist and never met a person he didn't love talking to. He was a regular attendee at the 2nd Wednesday Roseville retirees’ breakfasts, an RGOD volunteer, and a member of the VIP Club.

Weiss, Frank J. Jr. – Age 97, of Roseville passed away peacefully March 18, 2019 in his own home, surrounded by family. Frank spent his childhood in the Rice Street area as one of five children. He served as a Marine in WWII, which eventually led him to his wife of more than 70 years, Beulah who survives him. Frank was a long-time employee of Unisys, he retired at age 62.

Zimmer, Edward Doyle “Pete” – Age 93 of Roseville passed away in February. He served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 then earned a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1950. He started his career at the pioneering computer company Engineering Research Associates (ERA). That St. Paul-based company was acquired by Remington Rand which had purchased EMCC in PA then later became Sperry Rand – a giant in postwar days of the early computer industry.

Frustrated with the autonomy they’d (ERA/UNIVAC) lost under new East-coast corporate owners, many of those employees who first worked at ERA left to form a technology startup company, Control Data Corp., in 1957. Mr. Zimmer was CDC employee #13. He joined ERA as an EE and then eventually became a vice president and chief engineer at Control Data.

Technically, Moses was the first person to download to a tablet from the cloud. [P. Hove]

LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Hello from Texas – To Lowell Benson: You might remember me. I was a Sperry Univac employee from 1980–1989. Before Univac, I was a Data System Technician (DS) in the Navy, and that is the reason I am contacting the VIP Club. A group of us ex-DS’s keep in contact on Facebook. Well, I recently visited Mare Island [in San Francisco’s East Bay], which was the educational site for all DS’s. After the visit, I sent this message to the DS group:

“Hello all: As some of you saw on Facebook, I just visited Mare Island and posted several pictures. Someone suggested we should get together and tour the Island. I suggest that we need an NTDS history rally event.

I think I found it. On page 222 of When Computers went to Sea by David L. Boslaugh (A must read for every DS) --- there is this picture of CP-642 SN XN-1 dated July 1, 1960.

Scan excerpt use OK’ed by Capt. David Boslaugh, USN ret.

I would like to float the idea of a reunion at Mare Island on July 1, 2020 (60th birthday of the CP-642.) Whether a Display Technician, a follow-on computer technician, or a Data Link technician, -- the CP-642 was the enabling technology of the day!

If interest exists, I think it could be something really significant. As some of you [DS’s on Facebook] know, I worked for Sperry-Univac and I am still in contact with their Alumni Group. The have an active group called VIP Club, I could contact them to see how they could support a birthday party. I know on my engineering floor at Dell, we have three ex-DS’s.

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Over the years, I have run into several DS's in the IT industry. I think we could get some help and publicity from them. Also, I know there are at least two west coast museums that have NTDS equipment (Computer Museum - Sunnyvale, Ca and the Midway in San Diego.) -- we might be able to get some help of support from them. We would also need to coordinate with Toures University and the City of Vallejo.

And, it would be great to have a booklet/database (for people who want to participate) to articulate their work and life stories. I bet we will be amazed by the achievements and accomplishments of all the DS's in their lifetimes.

Thoughts? If it is a dumb idea and not worth the time, say so. But the DS's really had an opportunity to ‘play’ with technology way before it was available to all. I am open for methods and help to accomplish a 60-yr event like this. “

Thanks in advance, Greg Casey: Senior Architect and Strategist – Server Platform Architecture & Technology at Dell | Office of the CTO

Readers of this article may send comments to newsletter@vipclubmn.org, let us know if you had any Mare Island experiences or were a DS. Lowell will forward to Greg. BTW, Greg reported to me for a while in the 80s when I was a manager responsible for several technology studies. Edited by LABenson.

Phishing: In recent months a few board members were targets; even wizen geeks can be fooled! The following Century Link information suggests things to look for in emails to identify them as phishing emails: What is phishing? Asking for personal data or directing you to Web sites or phone numbers to call in order to gather personal data for illegal use.

Phishing e-mail messages take on a number of forms:

- They might appear to come from your bank or financial institution, a company you regularly do business with, such as Microsoft, or from your social networking site.
- They might appear to be from someone you know. Spear phishing is a targeted form of phishing in which an e-mail message might look like it comes from your employer, or from a colleague who might send an e-mail message to everyone in the company, such as the head of human resources or IT department.
- They might ask you to make a phone call. Phone phishing scams direct you to call a customer support phone number. A person or an audio response unit waits to take your account number, personal identification number, password, or other valuable personal data. The phone phisher might claim that your account will be closed, or other problems could occur if you don't respond.
- They might include official-looking logos and other identifying information taken directly from legitimate -- Web sites, and they might include convincing details about your personal information that scammers found on your social networking pages.
- They might include links to spoofed Web sites where you are asked to enter personal information.

Submitted by Lowell Benson

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Unisys 1-877-864-7972
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LIGHTER SIDE

Welcomed Changes of Pace:
- My goal for 2019 is to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.
- I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
- Senility has been an easy transition for me.

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Luncheon recognizing 2018 volunteerism – April 10th 2019.

Menu: Salad, rolls, steamed veggies, mashed potatoes, au gratin potatoes, turkey w/dressing & cranberries, ham slices w/pineapple, and gravy.

2019 ANNUAL REUNION PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM – June 12th

3:30 PM at the Eagan Central Park Pavilion, 1497 Central Parkway (just south of UNISYS, Eagan.)

VIP Club members

I plan to attend (name): ___________________________ ___________________________ $5.00 per member

Spouse/significant other will attend: ___________________________ ___________________________ $5.00

*Non-member and former members

I plan to attend (name): ___________________________ ___________________________ $10.00 per non-member

Spouse/friend will attend: ___________________________ ___________________________ $10.00 per non-member

My email address is: ___________________________@ ___________________________.

*If you are an inactive or Non-member and include a VIP Club membership registration ($7 for one year) or ($18 for three years) you will get the picnic member price of $5. For the membership form go to http://vipclubmn.org/Documents/MEMBERSHIP_FORM17.pdf

Please mail w/check before June 4th to VIP CLUB PICNIC  P.O. Box 131748 - Roseville, MN  55113-0020

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PERIODIC SOCIAL GROUPS

Monthly Breakfast Gathering
- 1st Thursday at 8 AM at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul.

Monthly Lunch Gatherings
- 1st Tuesday at 11:00 AM - Rickey's Cafe at Stark's, 3125 Dodd Road, Eagan, MN
- 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 AM - Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court, we meet by the tables 'tween the elevator & Burger King. Coordinator is Paul Wennerstrom, 952-854-7855.
- 2nd Wednesday at 11 AM at Baker's Square, Northtown, 221 Co. Rd. 10 NE, Blaine MN.
- 2nd Saturday of odd numbered months at 11:00 AM, Baker's Square, 1881 West Highway 36, Roseville. Coordinator Urho Rahkola, 651-429-3319.

Quarterly Breakfast Gathering